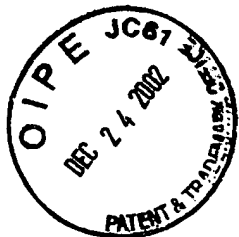


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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in the above-captioned application.

- ☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Extension of Time.
- ☐ No Additional Fee.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of September 24, 2002, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on December 24, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

✓
Please cancel claims 13-16 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter.

Please amend the claims as follows (**a marked-up copy of the amended claims is provided at the end of this response**):

1. (Amended- Clean Copy) An endoscopic spraying instrument in which liquid passed through a liquid supplying tube and a rotatingly guiding groove disposed at a leading end side of the supplying tube is rotated about an central axis within a liquid rotating chamber disposed at a leading end side of the rotatingly guiding groove and discharged forwardly from an spray nozzle formed in a leading end wall of the liquid rotating chamber, the instrument comprising:

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